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Honorable John P. Murtha
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Murtha:

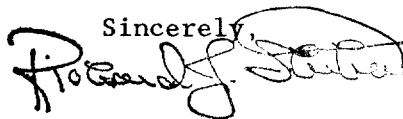
This is in reply to your letter of February 18, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Robert L. Campbell, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

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The Honorable John P. Murtha
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Dear Mr. Murtha,

Hon. John P. Murtha
Johnstown, PA

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model planes. I am also a member of a local club (Roof Garden) with a field for flying near 219 & 281 on the old P.B.S. strip site, and also a field on Red Goose Rd.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is P.R. Docket 92-235 all related

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Washington, DC 20515

February 18, 1993

Mrs. Linda Townsend-Solheim
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RE: Mr. Robert L. Campbell
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Dear Mrs. Townsend-Solheim:

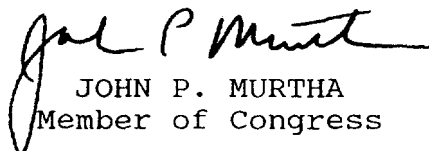
I have attached correspondence from the above referenced constituent regarding proposed rules being considered by the FCC.

I will appreciate your consideration of his concerns and your comments.

Thank you for your cooperation and I will await your reply.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,


JOHN P. MURTHA
Member of Congress

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplane under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and spectators, and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense and safety of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people.